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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - 8TH PLENARY SESSION -
AUGUST 23 P.M.

SUMMARY: CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, INCLUDING ITEM 7 ON
"RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS." LIST OF SPEAKERS
INCLUDED PAKISTAN, UKRAINIAN SSR, EAST GERMANY, ALGERIA, TURKEY,
MOROCCO, GUINEA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, EGYPT, HOLY SEE, HAITI,
ITALY GHANA, , AND REP OF VIETNAM. END SUMMARY.

1. PAKISTAN EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION OVER ABSENCE OF GRUNK
REPRESENTATIVES. GYPTIAN DELEGATES WAS MORE OBLIQUE, REGRETTING
ABSENCE OF "CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS." REGRESTS OVER ABSENCE OF VIET
CONG WERE EXPRESSED BY THE UKRAINE, EAST GERMANY,AND ALGERIA.
IN AN OTHERWISE PURELY TECHNICAL SPEECH, SOUTH VIETNAM REMINDED
COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS THAT MATTER OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WAS
SETTLED IN ECOSOC. THE ROK DELEGATE WAS THUS AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND
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WHY THIS MATTER WAS NOT BROUGHT UP BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN

ECOSOC DEBATE. MOREOVER, HE DEEMS THE ISSUE TO BE AN INTERNAL MATTER.

2. SOCIALIST VIEW THAT SOCIO-ECONOMIC REMEDIES ARE DECISIVE IN THE SOLUTION OF LDC POPULATION PROBLEMS WAS AGAIN WELL REPRESENTED (UKRAINE, GUINEA, EAST GERMANY, ALGERIA AND EVEN PAKISTAN). THIS SESSION, HOWEVER, WAS--IN LARGE MEASURE--BALANCED BY STATEMENTS OF GHANA, EGYPT AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. GHANA IN PARTICULAR WAS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL IN DESCRIBING ITS DERIOUS NEED FOR MODERATING THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION GROWTH RATE.

3. NEED FOR BETTER CONTRACEPTIVE TECHNOLOGY WAS MENTIONED BY PAKISTAN AND MOROCCO.

4. TURKEY, MOROCCO AND ITALY ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF MIGRANT LABOR. THEY PARTICULARLY ARGUED FOR FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL MEASURES IN RECEIVING COUNTRIES TO ENSURE LIVING CONDITIONS COMPATIBLE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY.

5. UKRAINIAN DELEGATE MADE IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO CHINA'S ATTACK ON USSR (ON OF TWO "SUPERPOWERS") BY NOTING THAT "ONLY ONE DELEGATE" STRAYED FROM THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE.

6. EAST GERMANY SAID IT WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON LIMITING POPULATION GROWTH. THE DELEGATE MENTIONED LEGALIZATION OF ABORTION IN HIS COUNTRY, DESPITE LOW BIRTH RATE, IN ORDER TO GIVE WOMEN A FREE CHOICE WITH REGARD TO MOTHERHOOD. HE CONSIDERS THE DECLARATION ON "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" AN IMPORTANT BASIS FOR IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS IN POOR COUNTRIES. MADE REFERENCE TO SOVIET UN RESOLUTION TO CUT MILITARY BUDGET BY 10 PERCENT AND USE MONEY FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

7. ALGERIA CALLED FOR CHANGES IN LIFE PATTERNS OF LDC'S, PARTICULARLY THROUGH REDUCTION OF MEAT AND OF SUPERFLUOUS, EXCESSIVE SERVICES. IT BELIEVES THAT DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE IS AN ECONOMIC CHALLENGE BUT IS ALSO PURSUING "EXPERIMENTS OF SPACING BIRTHS".

8. TURKEY EXPRESSED NEED FOR MASSIVE INVESTMENTS IN RURAL AREAS TO STEM MIGRATION TO CITIES.

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9. GUINEA, IN A MILITANT STATEMENT, CRITICIZED MOON LANDING PROJECTS AS WASTEFUL IN FACE OF POVERTY: PRAISED CHINA'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND ACCUSED IMPERIALISM OF SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT UNDERPOPULATION IN LDC'S AND TO INCREASE MORTALITY.

10. GHANA'S DELEGATE SAID THAT COUNTRY'S GROWTH RATE IS AN IMPEDIMENT TO DEVELOPMENT. ITS FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM HAS

ALREADY MADE "TREMENDOUS IMPACT."

11. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REPORTED THAT TWO THIRDS OF TARGET POPULATION HAS BEEN REACHED BY FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM. MOST OF SPEECH CONTAINED SUGGESTIONS FOR BETTER ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

12. EGYPT SUMMARIZED ITS POSITION BY SAYING THAT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES RUN RISKS OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITHOUT FAMILY PLANNING, WHILE FAMILY PLANNING WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT IS DOOMED TO FAILURE.

13. HOLY SEE PLEASED FOR TAKING PROPER ACCOUNT OF PEOPLE'S VALUES AND MOTIVATION IN IMPLEMENTING OF POPULATION POLICIES, AND EXPRESSED AN OPINION THAT EGOTISM OF THE RICH IS WORSE THAN FERTILITY OF THE POOR.

14. PAKISTAN SAID DC'S OWED A HEAVY DEBT TO LDC'S WHICH MUST BE DISCHARGED WITHOUT DELAY AND CALLED FOR MASSIVE POOLING OF WORLD RESOURCES FOR SOLUTION OF LDC POPULATION PROBLEMS.

15. HAITI GAVE LONG REVIEW OF ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN HAITI'S VIEW, POPULATION PROBLEM HAS TO BE TACKLED IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BIRTH CONTROL COULD RENDER USEFUL SERVICES AND IS THEREFORE PART OF HAITI'S ECONOMIC PLANS.

16. ITALY BELIEVES THAT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION SHOULD PROMOTE PERSONAL AWARENESS IN MATTERS OF REPRODUCTION. OPTIONS REACHED TODAY WILL COMMIT GENERATIONS TO COME AND CALLED ON CONFERENCE TO TAKE BOLD ACTION CHOICES WHICH CANNOT BE POSTPONED.

17. MOROCCO DISCUSSED PRACTICAL PROBLEMS IN POPULARIZING FAMILY UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING PRACTICES. IT ALSO STRESSED THAT FAMILY PLANNING MUST NOT BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER DEVELOPMENT POLICIES. BARNES

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